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Ravalli County Commissioners

Ravalli County Commissioners 215 South 4th Street, Suite A Hamilton, MT 59840

Re:

Raul R. & Margaret D. Bencomo

1912 Old Darby Road, Hamilton, MT 59840

My File No. 07093

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen:

I represent Raul and Margaret Bencomo, who recently purchased the real property located at 1912 Old Darby Road, Hamilton, Montana 59840.

There are some large trees on the edge of the property Mr. and Mrs. Bencomo purchased, that abut Old Darby Road. On a recent visit to their property, Mr. and Mrs. Bencomo determined that some of those trees have been marked with blue paint. We do not know whether these trees are within the road easement, or whether they are physically located on Mr. and Mrs. Bencomo's property. Furthermore, the trees do not pose any harm or threat to any vehicles, pedestrians or livestock. Regardless, we are concerned that someone may cut down the trees before we can make that determination.

Mr. Bencomo telephoned the Ravalli County Road Department, and was advised that the Road Department did not mark the trees because they are marked with blue paint, and the Road Department stated they only mark trees with orange paint. As a result, it is our understanding that the Ravalli County Road Department is not taking any action to remove these trees. Nonetheless, we are requesting that the Ravalli County Commissioners insure that no Ravalli County agency is taking any action to cut down the trees without first giving notice to us.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

ROYCE A. McCARTY, JR., P.C.

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c: Raul R. & Margaret D. Bencomo Ravalli County Road Department